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Case Docket No. AA315X

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Gregory Ashton, et al. Confirmation No. 6013  
 Serial No.: 09/700,561 Group Art Unit: 3765  
 Date Filed: November 16, 2000 Examiner: Angela J. Grayson  
 Title: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE

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